

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 59

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jennie Maxine Brown Harvey of Oliver Springs.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Jennie Maxine Brown Harvey; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Harvey was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on May 3, 1931, to the late L.N. Brown, Sr., and Addie Duncan Brown, Mrs. Harvey was a lifelong resident of Oliver Springs and a 1948 graduate of Oliver Springs High School, for which she was co-captain of the women's basketball team; and

WHEREAS, as the daughter of the city judge, Mrs. Harvey grew up with a love and admiration for local politics. She served with acumen and alacrity for twelve years as treasurer for the City of Oliver Springs and concurrently served as the town librarian. She and her husband, Claude S. Harvey, Jr., also co-owned and operated Harvey's Furniture and Appliance Co. in Oliver Springs for more than sixty years; and

WHEREAS, a pillar of her community, Maxine Harvey was a member of the Oliver Springs Historical Society and, recently, she and her husband were honored by the naming and dedication of the C.S. and Maxine Harvey Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Maxine Harvey was also an avid supporter of Oliver Springs athletics, attending as many athletic events as possible, especially when her grandchildren were playing for the Oliver Springs Bobcats and Lady Cats. In 2009, the Oliver Springs High School Annual was dedicated to Mrs. Harvey and her husband in honor of their longtime support of the school and its programs. Their philanthropy included awarding multiple scholarships to deserving

seniors and attendance awards to students with perfect attendance, and Mrs. Harvey was a Golden Member of the Athletics Boosters Club; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable woman was an active and devout member of the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church for over fifty-seven years, serving as a Sunday school teacher for over twenty years and donating her time and energies to the food committees and the nursery; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Harvey was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by one grandson, Jonathan Patterson; four brothers, Thaxton Hayes Brown, Thomas Barkstal Brown, Silas Roger Brown, and L.N. Brown, Jr.; and three sisters, Louella Mae Brown, Mattie Elizabeth Brown Patterson, and Margret Anne Brown Speake; and

WHEREAS, Maxine Harvey is survived by her husband of sixty-one years, C.S. Harvey, Jr.; two sons, John Thomas Harvey and his wife, Donetta, and Claude S. "Buster" Harvey III; two daughters, Donna Maria Harvey Whedbee and her husband, Joseph Guy, and Claudia Maxine Harvey Patterson; five grandchildren, Joseph Michael Whedbee and his wife, Beth, John Mark Whedbee and his wife, Amanda, Jennie Shea Watts, Rebecca Anne Harvey, and Katelyn Elizabeth Harvey; two great-grandchildren, Claudia Sydney Watts and Caden Michael Whedbee; four sisters-in-law, Dortha Brown, Patsy Begley, Betty Harvey, and Barbara Hood; one brother-in-law, Bob Schultz; special friends, Reverend Jerry and Carol Prevo; and a host of other family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Harvey leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Jennie Maxine Brown Harvey, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Harvey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.